

Living situation

- Russell lives in a mobile home. There are three steps to get inside.
- He is widowed and his 16 year old grandson lives with him.
- He has a little dog named Snickers.

MORE INFO?

Living situation (more info)

- Home is in fair condition, roof will need replaced in the next 2 years
- Central heating in winter, no air conditioning
- One car in good running condition – this is shared with his grandson
- Patient states, “My grandson, Ryan, is a good kid. I’m glad to have him around. He’s been helpful. It’s too bad his mom is in jail...”

Support

- Russell is widowed and his 16 year-old grandson, Ryan, lives with him.
- He has a younger sister, Jackie, who checks on him regularly and helps out.
- Russell's daughter, Ryan's mom, is in jail for theft and forgery.

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Support (more info)

- Russell has a group of friends who he meets with twice a week for cards and dinner.
- He also attends the Methodist Church weekly and ushers once a month.
- Russell's wife died suddenly a year ago of a brain aneurysm.

Social History

- Russell graduated from high school. No college. He's a retired auto-mechanic. Non-drinker, non-smoker. He enjoys NASCAR, playing cards and western movies.
- Income includes social security and a small amount from a 401k.
- He has Medicare A and B, plus a supplemental policy

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Social History (more info)

- Russell has enough money to cover his current expenses but is concerned about the roof, the new medication ('That inhaler is expensive'), and caring for his grandson. He does not feel there is any extra money for an air conditioner or additional car.
- His home gets very hot in the summer -there are very few trees in his yard. He sometimes goes to the Hy-Vee deli or the library to escape the heat when he has his car.

Primary Care

- Dr Dianna Miller has been his PCP for seven years. She reports that he is very pleasant and usually compliant with his care although last year she put him on an inhaler that he didn't pick up from the pharmacy. He's never seen a pulmonologist for his COPD.
- His wife's death was very hard on Russell. He was depressed for quite a while. She hopes the added stress of a teenager isn't too much for him.

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Primary Care (more info)

- Dr Miller is concerned that is COPD will eventually require more care which he can't afford. He doesn't have a living will or advance directives.
- He's missed two of the last four appointments due to no transportation.
- He has no follow up appointment made at this time.

Services

- Russell was offered outpatient pulmonary rehab but declined.
- He was also offered a courtesy (free) home health consult from public health, which he also declined.
- He did well with PT in the hospital and was sent home with some strengthening exercises to do.

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Services (more info)

- Russell declined pulmonary rehab because he didn't think he'd be able to get there and it might be expensive.
- He declined the home health visit because he was concerned they'd 'call the state' on him because his grandson was living with him but he wasn't the formal guardian for him.
- He does the PT exercises twice daily.

Go talk to Russell ‘Why do you think you came back to the hospital?’

- He wasn't using his inhaler as directed. It's more expensive than he can afford so he wanted to make it last longer by only using it half as much.
- Not having air conditioning makes it harder for him to breathe. He doesn't always have his car available so he can go to some place cooler.

Go talk to Russell 'What do you think would help?'

- A less expensive medication
- Air conditioner
- Additional car/transportation
- Legal advice about his grandson. He worries constantly that 'the state' is going take Ryan away.